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SUBJECT: SOVIET PROTEST OVER US MAP

1. THE FOLLOWING IS AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THE TEXT
OF A SOVIET NON-PAPER PROTESTING THE BORDER DEMARCATIONS
SHOWN ON A TRANS PACIFIC OCEAN MAP PREPARED BY THE
U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY. THE PAPER WAS PRESENTED BY
SOVIET EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY TREPYKHALIN TO EUR/SOV
DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR EXCHANGES DURING A CALL ON JULY 18.

2. IN VIEW OF THE LEVEL AND NATURE OF THE PROTEST, IT
APPEARS THE SOVIETS WERE ONLY INTERESTED IN PLACING THEIR
POSITION ON RECORD. WE DO NOT PLAN A REPLY.

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3. BEGIN TEXT.
SOVIET SCIENTISTS HAVE RECEIVED TWO COPIES OF A GEOGRAPHIC
MAP WHICH IS AN ELEMENT OF THE NORTHWESTERN QUADRANT OF
THE TRANS PACIFIC OCEAN MAP PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
DECISION OF THE 13TH INTERNATIONAL PACIFIC OCEAN SCIENTIFIC
CONGRESS. THESE MAPS WERE GIVEN BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
NORTHWESTERN GROUP OF THE PACIFIC OCEAN CARTOGRAPHIC

PROJECT, JAPANESE PROFESSOR NISHIVAKI, TO SCHOLARS OF THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE USSR FOR THEIR WORK.

AS NOTED FROM THE INSCRIPTION ON THE MAP, IT WAS PRODUCED BY THE (US) GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF THE USA TOGETHER WITH THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PETROLEUM GEOLOGISTS. THE INDIVIDUALS HAVING DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PREPARATIONS, PUBLICATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE MAP APPEAR TO BE AMERICAN SPECIALISTS M.T. HALBOTT (PHONETIC) AND J.A. RAYNEMOND (PHONETIC). ON THIS MAP IN THE REGION OF Khabarovsk THERE ARE SHOWN TWO VARIATIONS OF THE BORDER OF THE USSR WITH THE PRC WITH THE NOTATIONS: "ACCORDING TO SOVIET MAPS" AND "ACCORDING TO CHINESE MAPS."

IN THIS CONNECTION, THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE USSR LODGES A DETERMINED PROTEST WITH THE (US) GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF THE USA AND REMINDS IT THAT THERE EXISTS ONLY ONE STATE BORDER BETWEEN THE USSR AND PRC, WHICH HAS BEEN CONFIRMED IN RUSSO-CHINESE AGREEMENT DOCUMENTS AND WHICH NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT TO QUESTION.

SOVIET SCIENTISTS VIEW THE PREPARATION AND PUBLICATION IN THE USA OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED MAP AS AN UNFRIENDLY ACT IN RELATIONS TO THE USSR. THIS ACT SERIOUSLY DAMAGES THE BUSINESS OF INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION AND SOVIET SCIENTISTS EXPRESS HOPE THAT

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THIS MAP WILL BE WITHDRAWN FROM USE. IN THE CONTRARY CASE, THERE WILL BE IMPLICATIONS FOR WORK ON THE PREPARATION OF THE XIV INTERNATIONAL PACIFIC OCEAN SCIENTIFIC CONGRESS, PLANNED FOR AUGUST 1979 IN Khabarovsk. END TEXT. CHRISTOPHER

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